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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Conversations with Chiefs of Foreign Intelligence Agencies.

1. In my conversations with the Chiefs of the various
[redacted] I plan to adopt the following procedure
and line of action:

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d. While we appreciate the interest and mutual confidence involved in the desire to provide for greater collaboration in the secret intelligence field, we must recognize and comply with the expressed views of our Congress. There is a healthy and growing feeling in the U. S. (as indicated by our Congressional leaders) that, as a nation, we must establish ourselves in the S. I. field on our own efforts. These efforts and our success in that field are dependent on the whole-hearted support of Congress. Any indication that we are, in effect, leaning on the shoulders of established and successful foreign intelligence systems, will be reflected in our Congressional support.

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2. Should I be brought in contact with intelligence agencies of other governments I plan to adopt the line that my European visit is strictly an orientation on military intelligence matters in occupied areas and a personal desire to re-visit places of interest to me. In that way I can determine what, if anything, they might have in mind without committing us in any way.

3. I would appreciate it if you would concur in the above, or comment. I would also like an outline of any other things you would like me to look into.

*Approved:
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